



Lamoine Board of Selectmen

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Minutes – July 11, 2019

Chair Robert Christie called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Present were: Selectmen S. Josephine Cooper, Robert Christie, Nathan Mason, Kathleen Rybarz (arrived approx. 7:12 PM); Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon. Selectman Gary McFarland had informed the town office prior to the meeting that he would be unable to attend.

Minutes – June 20, 2019 – Nathan moved to approve the minutes with minor corrections. Jo 2nd. **Vote in favor was 3-0.**

Warrants 1 (FY 2019/20) & 28 (FY2018/19) – Selectmen had signed both warrants prior to the meeting and had no questions regarding either.

Warrant 2 – Selectmen signed expenditure warrant 2 in the amount of \$79,991.47. Stu reported the bulk of the expenditure was for the school department. He said the first part of the paving bill for the consultant's work was on the warrant. A brief discussion followed regarding the paving work on Buttermilk Road and that which was done on a portion of Lamoine Beach Road by the Maine DOT.

Cash & Budget Reports (FY 2018/19) – Stu reported that he had changed the designation of some work done on Berry Cove Road to encumbered funds vs. current expense, and that brings the road budget into budgetary compliance.

Checking Account Reconciliation – Selectmen signed the form expressing satisfaction with the checking account reconciliation for June 30, 2019.

Excise Tax Report – Stu reported that for the first time in town history, excise tax collections exceeded \$400,000, which was \$50,000 higher than budgeted. A brief discussion on economics followed.

Disposal of Tax Acquired Property – Stu thanked the Selectmen for signing a release deed for tax acquired property back to Erica Mason. He explained that where the town had entered an installment agreement with Mrs. Mason and she wanted to sell the property to a neighbor, the town would have to deed the property to Mrs. Mason to accomplish this goal. He said Diane O'Connell had drafted the deed and the closing was scheduled for the day after, so the plan is to deliver the deed and pick up a check to pay off the installment agreement.

Local Road Assistance Program – Selectmen signed the form accepting payment from Maine DOT for the assistance program.

(Selectman Rybarz arrived at the meeting after attending the Appeals Board meeting briefly).

Resignation – Nathan moved to accept, with regret, the resignation of Allison Howaniec, from the Recreation Committee. Jo 2nd. **Vote in favor was 4-0.**

Storage Shed – A brief discussion followed on the request from the Recreation Committee regarding the storage shed placed on the Anderson garage lot. The shed needs some work, and the question is whether to fix it. The board informally agreed to let the Recreation Committee know they if they have a volunteer willing to make the repairs, that would be great, if it's worth fixing. Stu said he would communicate that.

Code Enforcement Officer – Jo moved to sign a contract with Rebecca Albright. Nathan 2nd. **Vote in favor was 4-0.**

Jo moved to appoint Rebecca Albright as Code Enforcement Officer and Local Plumbing Inspector. Kathleen 2nd. **Vote in favor was 4-0.** Kathleen asked if there was any contract with a substitute when Ms. Albright is off for vacation. Stu said no contract, but he will ask Michael Jordan if he's willing to fill in again.

Stu reported that CEO Albright had received several complaints and was investigating issues in the Meadow Point, Bar Harbor Highlands and Lamoine Beach Road area, and has been very tied up with the current Board of Appeals issue on Marlboro Beach Road. He said she has not issued a written report.

Grange Parking Area – Stu reported that fire chief Skip Smith would not be in attendance tonight. He said the chief had consulted with contractor Jay Fowler who started work on revamping the parking area earlier in the day and Mr. Fowler seemed to think that the Community Arts group had come up with enough funding to take care of the problems of the grange and hydrant parking issue.

Returnables – Nathan moved to award the proceeds from the returnable containers at the transfer station to the Lamoine/Bayside Grange for January 2020, and the Lamoine School Drama Club for February 2020. Jo 2nd. **Vote in favor was 4-0.**

Roads – Stu repeated the previous report on the road budget for 2018/19 and the accounting entry to bring that in under budget.

Stu reported a large culvert on Shore Road has started to fail and needs to be replaced ASAP. He had estimated the cost at about \$5,000 and would like to assign that to McMullen Construction. Nathan moved to do so. Jo 2nd. **Vote in favor was 4-0.**

Stu reported that Buttermilk Road was paved two days prior and it looked good. Bob noted that the same company paved approximately 1-mile of Lamoine Beach Road, but only a shim coat was placed on the surface. Stu said the Buttermilk Road job included both a shim coat and travel surface and should last many years.

Stu reported some residents of Marlboro Beach Road requested the town look into having the 35-mile an hour speed limit lowered. He said the speed monitoring sign is

currently on that road but he's not had a chance to collect the data. Selectmen said they want to see the data prior to making any request of the Maine DOT.

Residential Water Testing – Landfill – Stu reported he has entered the data onto the running spreadsheets from the June water testing. Kathleen reported she had not seen any information on the Maine DEP website about an oil spill. Stu said one of the homeowners reported to DEP and to him that their oil tank was overfilled and the DEP responded to the incident. Kathleen noted that the Ph on the wells seemed to rise a bit. Nathan said that was likely due to the very rainy spring.

Solar Grid RFQ – Kathleen moved to approve the draft RFQ prepared by Larissa Thomas. Jo 2nd. **Vote in favor was 4-0.** Stu said he would contact Mrs. Thomas to work together to seek proposals to lease the capped landfill for a solar grid.

Board of Appeals Update – Stu reported that the Appeals Board is currently meeting at the school. Kathleen reported the Appeals Board passed over the MacQuinn matter and will leave that to their next meeting. She said Diane O'Connell was not able to represent the Appeals Board on the Moldawer v. CEO matter, but that James Collier was working with the Appeals Board. She said Mr. Collier has advised the board that the appeal from Mr. Moldawer was timely received.

Lamoine Quarterly – Stu reported that he has got the front page done, but has not had a chance to complete the paper. He said he hoped to do so in the next week. There was a brief discussion about the house fire that occurred on July 6th that saw Lamoine and 12 other departments battled.

Vacation – Stu asked to have vacation approved for August 7 through the 12th. There was no objection.

Lamoine 150! – Jo passed out timeline calendars. She said the committee has prepared a stuffer to go in with tax bills. She said the big kickoff will be on October 5, 2019 with a fire department open house and barbecue along with a road race. She said there will be a celebration proclamation read on March 1, 2020. She said the group wants to have a community dinner before the annual town meeting along with a re-enactment of the town's first town meeting. She said there will be plenty of opportunities to volunteer. She said August of 2020 will feature a parade and fireworks at the State Park, and that the group will.

Jo also reported that a long sought picture of a sardine can label was found. She said Gordon and Cynthia Donaldson have done an incredible amount of work on the celebration.

Next Meetings – Due to a conflict with the Administrative Assistant on August 15th, the next meeting will be on August 1st. The Board will meet in September on the 5th and 19th. In between meetings, Stu said he would have expenditure warrants to sign.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stu Marckoon, Adm. Asst. to the Selectmen